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Please refuse requests for waivers of 47 CFR 76.1204(a)(1).

Sincerely,

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**Docket #97-80 vj**

9/3/2007 6:50:23 PM - Email Acknowledgement sent to foxfirex@gmail.com.

foxfirex@gmail.com wrote on 9/3/2007 6:49:25 PM :

I wish to register a complaint regarding Time Warner Cable of San Antonio (800-255-0501). I recently purchased a TiVo Series 3, which uses Congressionally mandated CableCARDs for decoding of digital cable signals. When I first got the cards, TWC mentioned that I would be unable to access any Pay Per View or Video On Demand services. I understood and accepted this, and gladly paid my subscription fees despite the missing portion of service. I didn't need those features.

Around the beginning of 2007, TWC SA sent out a letter indicating that due to new technology they were deploying, Switched Digital Video, I would no longer be able to access any west coast feeds of premium channels. Again, I accepted this, not being a subscriber to said premium channels. I asked whether this would affect the other channels I currently receive, or whether I would not be able to receive future channels, and was assured by TWC SA representatives that this would not be a problem.

Recently, I considered adding a premium channel (Japanese TV) to my service, but discovered it is not available due to being provided on SDV.

Several HD channels (not west coast or premium) have recently been added, such as ESPN2 HD and A&E HD. These are also unavailable due to being SDV.

Now, as of August 31, ESPN Classic, which was broadcast on the analog tier, has been moved to a digital, SDV-only channel. I am now actively losing channels that I am paying for because of TWC SA's use of SDV, which is incompatible with CableCARDs at the current time.

If the FCC allows cable carriers to implement technology that hampers CableCARDs to the point that they can no longer be considered equivalent to the cable company's own integrated set-top box (PPV and VOD excepted), then the FCC mandate of protecting the public interest in the form of a competitive marketplace is not being met.

I have heard recently that the cable companies and consumer electronics firms are investigating the use of a USB dongle to provide SDV support to current-generation CableCARD devices. I am heartened to hear this, but it unfortunately does nothing to alleviate the problem that at this moment, I am unable to use the set top box of my choice with the FCC required CableCARD from TWC SA to receive the channels that I am paying for.

Until such a solution is found, I would like to see any further implementation of SDV placed on hiatus immediately to prevent loss of any further channels, and any channels which have already been lost restored using full, standard digital channel allocations. I also would like to volunteer to assist in any way possible when the testing and rollout of the USB solution begins, if it does.

My interest is simply in seeing CableCARD technology properly and fully supported by my local cable provider. If it were not for CableCARD, I would not have switched back to them from my previous DBS provider, and if they will not support it as intended by Congress and the FCC, I see no reason to continue supporting them with my subscription fees.

Thank you for your time in reading and reviewing this complaint.

Below you will find a list of all the channels that I am technically

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unable to receive on CableCARD due to TWC SA's use of SDV. They maintain this list online as well at the following URL:

<http://www.timewarnercable.com/SanAntonio/Products/Cable/cablecard/notwithcablecard.html>

Channels which are not listed on their website, but which are still unavailable to CableCARD users are marked with a pound sign (#).

ESPN2 HD 125 (#)  
A&E HD 128  
MHD 134  
Family Net 243  
ESPN Classic 256 (#)  
CSTV 265  
The Sportsman Channel 267  
MTV Tr3s 285  
HITN en Español 294  
EWTN en Español 295  
Toon Disney En Español 296  
Starz West 315  
Starz Edge West 316  
Starz InBlack West 317  
Starz Cinema West 319  
HBO West 326  
HBO2 West 327  
HBO Signature West 328  
HBO Family West 329  
HBO Comedy West 330  
HBO Zone West 331  
HBO Latino West 333  
Cinemax West 344  
MoreMAX West 345  
ActionMAX West 346  
ThrillerMAX West 347  
Showtime West 355  
Showtime Too West 356  
Showtime Showcase West 357  
Showtime Extreme West 358  
Showtime Beyond West 359  
TMC West 367  
TMC XTRA West 368  
TV Japan 701  
SBTN 705  
Zee TV 711  
TV Asia 712  
Deutsche Welle-TV 715  
DW-One 716  
The Filipino Channel 720

Again, many thanks for any help you can provide.

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Roger Strain

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Sincerely,

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